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SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF SITE INAUGURATION CEREMONY

1. AIR DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL (TELEVISION) P.V. KRISHNAMURTHY INFORMED USIS UNOFFICIALLY TODAY THAT GOI HAS CANCELLED SITE INAUGURATION CEREMONY PLANNED FOR AUGUST 1 AT AHMEDABAD. HE GAVE NO REASON FOR CANCELLATION.

2. KRISHNAMURTHY SAID NO INVITATIONS TO AHMEDABAD WOULD BE SENT TO U.S. OFFICIALS OR VIP'S, BUT THAT NASA OFFICIALS ARRIVING FOR THE EVENT WOULD MARK OCCASION BY HAVING DINNER WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN INDIAN SPACE RESEARCH ORGANIZATION (ISRO).

3. PRIME MINISTER GANDHI, WHO WAS TO HAVE PRESIDED OVER CEREMONY, WILL SEND RECORDED MESSAGE INSTEAD FOR USE IN SITE INAUGURAL PROGRAM, HE SAID.

4. NASA REP IN AHMEDABAD VERIFIED ABOVE IN TELECON WITH S&T  
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COUNSELOR, AFTER NASA REP OBTAINED DETAILS ON CHITNIS' RETURN

TO AHMEDABAD FROM DELHI.

5. THE CANCELLATION IS DUE TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY, MRS. GANDHI HAVING CANCELLED OUT AND RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON OTHER OFFICIALS GOI TRAVEL.

6. THE OPENING WILL BE A FAMILY AFFAIR BETWEEN NASA AND ISRO. THERE MAY BE SHORT SPEECHES BY FLETCHER, KRISHNAMURTHY, ETC. AND THEN THE REGULAR SITE PROGRAM WILL COMMENCE. FLETCHER, JAFFE, FRUTKIN, AND MILLER ARE EXPECTED FROM NASA. NO GOI MINIR, NOT EVEN VISITORS FROM THE BANGALORE DEPT OF SPACE HEADQUARTERS ARE EXPECTED. NONE FROM THE EMBASSY IN DELHI WILL BE INVITED TO THE OPENING, BUT EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES ARE FULLY WELCOME IN GENERAL AT ANY TIME.

7. S&T COUNSELORASKED NASA REP TO LET INDIAN SITE MANAGERS KNOW WE UNDERSTOOD THE SITUATION, AND THAT WE WISH THEM THE BEST.

8. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE NASA CONFIRMING THEIRPLANSFOR SITE INITIATING, INCLUDINGDETAILS OF TRAVEL PLANNED.  
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